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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>				U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER (if known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5) <div style="text-align: center;">10/551,532</div>	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <div style="text-align: center;">PCT/JP2004/004443</div>		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <div style="text-align: center;">March 29, 2004</div>		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <div style="text-align: center;">March 31, 2003</div>	
TITLE OF INVENTION                      BODY FLUID ABSORBENT ARTICLE					
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US        YUKA KURITA and KAZUNORI NISHIZAWA					
<p>Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.   <input type="checkbox"/>    This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>2.   <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>3.   <input type="checkbox"/>    This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (20) indicated below.</li> <li>4.   <input type="checkbox"/>    The US has been elected (Article 31).</li> <li>5.   <input type="checkbox"/>    A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.   <input type="checkbox"/>    is attached hereto (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b.   <input type="checkbox"/>    has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c.   <input type="checkbox"/>    is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li>6.   <input type="checkbox"/>    An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.   <input type="checkbox"/>    is attached hereto</li> <li>b.   <input type="checkbox"/>    has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ol> </li> <li>7.   <input type="checkbox"/>    Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.   <input type="checkbox"/>    are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b.   <input type="checkbox"/>    have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c.   <input type="checkbox"/>    have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d.   <input type="checkbox"/>    have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8.   <input type="checkbox"/>    An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li>9.   <input type="checkbox"/>    An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</li> <li>10.   <input type="checkbox"/>    An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol> <p><b>Items 11 to 19 below concern document(s) or information included:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11.   <input type="checkbox"/>    An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98.</li> <li>12.   <input type="checkbox"/>    An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li>13.   <input type="checkbox"/>    A preliminary amendment.</li> <li>14.   <input type="checkbox"/>    An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</li> <li>15.   <input type="checkbox"/>    A substitute specification.</li> <li>16.   <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</li> <li>17.   <input type="checkbox"/>    A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>18.   <input type="checkbox"/>    A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>19.   <input type="checkbox"/>    Other items or information:</li> </ol>					



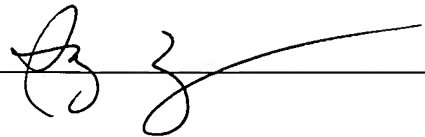
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Dear Sir:

In regards to the above-identified application which was entered into the U.S. National Stage without the Declaration of the inventors, a notification pursuant to 37 CFR 1.494(c) has not yet been issued or sent to the undersigned. However, pursuant to the instructions given to the undersigned from the PCT Help Desk, enclosed herewith please find an executed Declaration & Power of Attorney form and a check in the amount of \$130.00 as the late filing fee so that the requirements for this application can be met. In addition, enclosed please find an executed Assignment, Recordation Form Cover Sheet and check in the sum of \$40.00 as the recordation fee.

If any further fees are required by the acceptance of the enclosed forms, please charge those fees to KODA & ANDROLIA DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 11-1445.

Respectfully submitted,  
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